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To expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2007

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combat-Related Spe-
5 cial Compensation Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COM-**
 2 **PENSATION ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAPTER 61**
 3 **MILITARY RETIREES.**

4 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Subsection (c) of section 1413a of
 5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “enti-
 6 tled to retired pay who—” and all that follows and insert-
 7 ing “who—

8 “(1) is entitled to retired pay (other than by
 9 reason of section 12731b of this title); and

10 “(2) has a combat-related disability.”.

11 (b) COMPUTATION.—Paragraph (3) of subsection (b)
 12 of such section is amended—

13 (1) by designating the text of that paragraph as
 14 subparagraph (A), realigning that text so as to be
 15 indented 4 ems from the left margin, and inserting
 16 before “In the case of” the following heading: “IN
 17 GENERAL.—”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 19 paragraph:

20 “(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR RETIREES WITH
 21 FEWER THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.—In the
 22 case of an eligible combat-related disabled uni-
 23 formed services retiree who is retired under
 24 chapter 61 of this title with fewer than 20
 25 years of creditable service, the amount of the
 26 payment under paragraph (1) for any month

1 shall be reduced by the amount (if any) by
2 which the amount of the member's retired pay
3 under chapter 61 of this title exceeds the
4 amount equal to 2½ percent of the member's
5 years of creditable service multiplied by the
6 member's retired pay base under section
7 1406(b)(1) or 1407 of this title, whichever is
8 applicable to the member."

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2008, and shall
11 apply to payments for months beginning on or after that
12 date.

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